

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 5/30/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 14, 16-21, 23 and 26-30.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/30/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 14, 16, 19, and 21 were amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method for the targeted transgenic expression of nucleic acid sequences in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants, comprising the following steps,

- I. introducing a transgenic expression cassette into plant cells, wherein the transgenic expression cassette comprises at least the following elements
 - a) at least one promoter sequence selected from [the group of sequences consisting of]
 - [i) the]a promoter sequence comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1; or
 - [ii) a promoter sequence having at least 70% homology to SEQ ID NO: 1 which targets the expression of a nucleic acid sequence in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants;]
 - [iii) a promoter sequence [having at least 95% homology over at least 500 base pairs]comprising a fragment of

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SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein [the promoter]said fragment
targets expression of a nucleic acid sequence in
nonreproductive floral tissues of plants; [and]

- [iv) a promoter sequence having at least 1000 base pairs
of the 3' end of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein the promoter
targets expression of a nucleic acid sequence in
nonreproductive floral tissues of plants;]

and

- b) at least one further nucleic acid sequence,

wherein the at least one promoter sequence and the at least one further
nucleic acid sequence are functionally linked together, and the further nucleic acid
sequence is heterologous in relation to the promoter sequence, [and]

- II. selecting transgenic cells which comprise said expression cassette
stably integrated into the genome,

and

- III. regenerating complete plants from said transgenic cells, wherein
the further nucleic acid sequence is expressed in nonreproductive
floral tissues.---

---Claim 14 (Currently amended) A transgenic expression cassette for the
targeted transgenic expression of nucleic acid sequences in nonreproductive floral
tissues of plants, comprising

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a) at least one promoter sequence selected from [the group of sequences consisting of]

- [i) the]a promoter sequence comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1; or
- [ii) a promoter sequence having at least 70% homology to SEQ ID NO: 1 which targets the expression of a nucleic acid sequence in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants;]
- [iii)] a promoter sequence [having at least 95% homology over at least 500 base pairs]comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein [the promoter]said fragment targets expression of a nucleic acid sequence in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants; [and]
- [iv) a promoter sequence having at least 1000 base pairs of the 3' end of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein the promoter targets expression of a nucleic acid sequence in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants;]

and

b) at least one further nucleic acid sequence,

wherein the at least one promoter sequence and the at least one further nucleic acid sequence are functionally linked together, and the further nucleic acid sequence is heterologous in relation to the promoter sequence, and wherein

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the promoter targets expression of the further nucleic acid sequence in nonreproductive floral tissues of plants.---

In Claim 16, line 1, ---wherein--- replaced the word "where".

In Claim 19, line 3, ---Accession Number--- replaced "Acc.-No."

Claim 21 (Currently amended) A transgenic bacteria, [or]plant, [or]cells, cell cultures, parts, tissues, organs or propagation material [derived]obtained therefrom, transformed with the expression cassette of claim 14.

New Claims 28-30 were added as follows:

Claim 28 (New) A transgenic bacteria, plant, cells, cell cultures, parts, tissues, organs or propagation material obtained therefrom, transformed with the vector of claim 20.

Claim 29 (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the fragment of SEQ ID NO: 1 comprises nucleotides 1007 to 2039 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 30 (New) The transgenic expression cassette of claim 14, wherein the fragment of SEQ ID NO: 1 comprises nucleotides 1007 to 2039 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roberte Makowski on 08/17/2007.

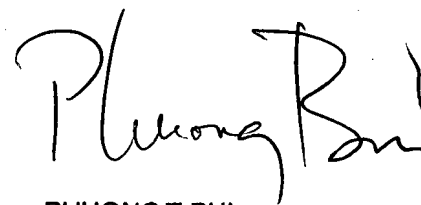
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brent Page whose telephone number is (571)-272-5914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached on (571)-272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phuong Bui', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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